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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/320,649

Filed: May 27, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3682

Examiner: L. Footland

Atty. Docket No.: 100725-09009

For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING

PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

October 23, 2006

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn. It is submitted that the abandonment of the above-identified application resulted from the Patent and Trademark Office's failure to mail the non-final Office Action to the correct address. Since the failure to file a response to the non-final Office Action resulted from a Patent and Trademark Office error, it is respectfully submitted that the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is proper.

The abandonment of the above-identified application on March 29, 2002, resulted from Applicant's failure to respond to an outstanding non-final Office Action. Applicants did not respond to the non-final Office Action because Applicants never received the non-final Office Action. Applicants' attorneys have made a careful search of the entire file jacket for the subject application and the non-final Office Action was not present. A review of the docket records also indicate that the non-final Office Action was never received.

Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the private PAIR page from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website for the subject application. It is noted that on April 26,

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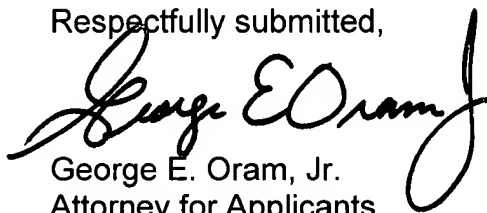
2001, there is a notation stating "Correspondence Address Change". Also on that date there are two separate notations of a "Letter Restarting Period for Response" and "Mail Notice of Restarted Response Period". It is respectfully submitted that the undersigned did not receive either of these papers, although it appears that a change to the correspondence address was received and made of record, prior to these papers being sent out.

In addition, the undersigned submitted by e-mail on or about May 22, 2001, a spreadsheet listing applications for which the undersigned's address was to be changed. Exhibit B is the e-mail correspondence between Margaret Drosos, the patent administrator of Applicants' firm, and Stacy Fuller of the Patent and Trademark Office. Also included is a copy of page 8 of the spreadsheet which lists the above-identified application. Upon submission of the change of address, the Patent and Trademark Office should have changed the mailing address for the above-identified application.

Based upon the facts set forth above, the undersigned attempted to advise the Patent and Trademark Office of its change of address. It appears, however, that this change of address was not entered in the above-identified application and the non-final Office Action was mailed to the undersigned's old address and was never received by the undersigned. Since the undersigned did not receive the non-final Office Action, a response was not filed. Thus it is submitted that the failure to properly respond to the outstanding non-final Office Action resulted from the failure of the Patent and Trademark Office to change the undersigned's address and that the abandonment of the application was a consequence of the Patent and Trademark Office's failure to change the address. It is therefore submitted that withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application is proper and this petition should be granted.

In the event that any fees are due with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Atty. Docket No. 100725-09009.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Exhibit A    Copy of Private PAIR Page from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website
- Exhibit B    E-mail communication along with page 8 of Spreadsheet of May 22, 2001

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**Transaction History**

Date	Transaction Description
08-10-2005	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
08-18-2005	Correspondence Address Change
03-29-2002	Mail Abandonment for Failure to Respond to Office Action
03-28-2002	Abandonment for Failure to Respond to Office Action
04-26-2001	Mail Notice of Restarted Response Period
04-26-2001	Letter Restarting Period for Response (i.e. Letter re: References)
→ 04-26-2001	Correspondence Address Change
04-11-2001	Mail Non-Final Rejection
04-11-2001	Non-Final Rejection
03-23-2001	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
03-23-2001	Preliminary Amendment
03-28-2001	Date Forwarded to Examiner
03-23-2001	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
03-23-2001	Workflow - Request for RCE - Finish
03-23-2001	Mail Express Abandonment (During Examination)
03-23-2001	Express Abandonment (during Examination)
03-23-2001	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
03-23-2001	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin
11-30-2000	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
11-30-2000	Final Rejection
09-28-2000	Date Forwarded to Examiner
09-26-2000	Response after Non-Final Action
06-30-2000	Mail Non-Final Rejection
06-29-2000	Non-Final Rejection
04-28-2000	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
09-14-1999	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
08-26-1999	Application Dispatched from OIPE
08-25-1999	Application Is Now Complete
06-24-1999	Notice Mailed--Application Incomplete--Filing Date Assigned
06-16-1999	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review
06-04-1999	Initial Exam Team nn

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**Drosos, Margaret**

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**From:** Drosos, Margaret  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2001 2:45 PM  
**To:** 'Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV'  
**Subject:** RE: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

OK Sorry for the error.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV [mailto:Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 2:18 PM  
To: DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM  
Subject: RE: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

Thank you for your response. Unfortunately we asked that you email me the list of applications/patents that you DO NOT wish to be associated with your customer number and that you not delete any applications from the spreadsheet. I have to go to your original spreadsheet and remove the applications that you do not wish to be associated. Please resend the error report with these applications clearly noted.

Thank you for your assistance.

Stacy

> -----Original Message-----

> From: DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM [SMTP:DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM]  
> Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 2:15 PM  
> To: Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV  
> Subject: RE: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

> I have edited your error report so as to only included those applications  
> for Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram. This firm at Metropolitan Square  
> merged with Arent Fox at the 1050 Connecticut Ave. address last year.

> Thank

> you for your attention to this. We have had several PTO papers returned

> to

> the PTO by Post Office, even though we have a current change of address on  
> file.

> Margaret P. Drosos

> Director of IP Administration

> Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC

> 202 857-6463

> Drososm@arentfox.com

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV [mailto:Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV]  
> Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 1:10 PM  
> To: DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM  
> Subject: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

> I have received your spreadsheet to associate your applications/patents  
> with

> your customer number, and there are just a few more questions. There are  
> a

> few files that are currently going to a different address for  
> correspondence

> and we just have to do a little preventative maintenance to be absolutely

EXHIBIT B

> sure that you do, in fact, want to update these files to your customer  
> number.  
>  
> Please take a look at the attached spreadsheet, which lists the  
> "questionable" applications. Once you have verified whether or not you  
> wish  
> to associate these applications/patents with your customer number, please  
> mark them as such on the attached spreadsheet (i.e., yes/no) and email it  
> back to me, or simply email me the list of applications/patents that you  
> DO  
> NOT wish to be associated with your customer number. Please DO NOT delete  
> any applications from the spreadsheet.  
>  
> If there are NO changes to be made, you can just email me back to let me  
> know that it is ok to associated all files with your customer number.  
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